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For: METHOD OF JUDGING THE ONSET OF  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.